

**Revising WAC Chapters 170-151, 170-295, and 170-296  
Hand Sanitizer Use in  
DEL-Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes**

**Rule Adoption Steps and Estimated Schedule**

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) is revising its rules (Washington Administrative Code or WAC) on using hand sanitizer products with children in licensed child care centers and homes.

[Emergency rules](#) were filed on October 22, 2009. DEL also plans to make permanent changes to the child care licensing rules on the use of hand sanitizers. The following are the anticipated emergency and permanent rule making steps.<sup>1</sup>

<b>Rule Development Actions</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>
Emergency Sanitizer rules filed (CR-103E notice). The rules are effective for 120 days and can be extended. <sup>1</sup>	October 22, 2009 <a href="#">Click this link to view the Emergency rule notice.</a>
File CR-101 notice to open the permanent rule process to revise the hand sanitizer requirements. <sup>2</sup>	October 22, 2009 <a href="#">Click this link to view the CR-101 notice.</a>
Time permitting, circulate preliminary draft rules for informal public input.	Mid November to mid December 2009*
Revise draft rules as needed	December 2009*
File formal rule proposal (CR-102 notice) <sup>3</sup>	Late December 2009 or early January 2010*
Public hearing and written comment deadline	Late January or early February 2010*
Prepare a written response to public comments and make final changes to the rules, if any	Mid February 2010*
File Emergency rule extension	Mid February 2010*
File permanent rules (CR-103P notice)	Mid or late February 2010*
Permanent rules effective, <sup>4</sup> emergency rule rescinded	Mid or late March 2010*

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\* Timeframes with an asterisk are estimates and subject to change.

<sup>1</sup> See the Administrative Procedure Act, RCW 34.05.350, 34.05.360 and 34.05.395

<sup>2</sup> See RCW 34.05.310

<sup>3</sup> See RCW 34.05.320, 34.05.325 and 34.05.340

<sup>4</sup> See RCW 34.05.380 on effective dates of permanent and emergency rules